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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for Future Briefings ☐

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1. Attached are materials in preparation for:

- Next Presidential Briefing (Wednesday, pre-brief Monday)
- Next SECDEF Meeting (Wednesday)

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-Future Presidential Briefings ☐

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2. For the next Presidential briefing some additional material on Thailand is included. The briefing paper here is a revision of the one you have seen. Also included are packages on Albania and Yugoslavia. I recommend that you consider taking the DDCI and ☐ along to support the Thailand briefing. The sequence of the briefing Wednesday would be:

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0730 Deliver PDB containing Kampuchea update and an annex on Thai foreign policy.

0830 (abt) You meet for fifteen minutes with Kampuchean experts to review your prognosis on how that will unfold.

1130 Commence oral briefing covering:

- Short prognosis on Kampuchean situation & PRC actions (material to be provided Monday)
- Thailand
- Albania & Yugoslavia plus any odds & ends.

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3. For your Wednesday meeting with SECDEF two items are included for your review.

- John G. St...*  
*OK*
- A. Soviet Command & Control. ☐ has worked with OSR to revise this. If you like this we can prepare for you to give it to Secretary Brown; if you don't we probably should devote ten minutes of the Monday pre-brief to getting ourselves squared away.

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5. Background material on two future Presidential briefing topics, [redacted] (Thursday, 8 February) and the Persian Gulf (about 13 February) is in this bundle. In particular the Persian Gulf package contains a draft PDB piece that you may want to review to decide if you want to run it in the next few days or hold off until you brief the President [redacted]

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*OK  
draft  
hold to  
Persian arms  
control chart*  
6. Finally a copy of my latest status report on Presidential briefing topics is attached. Note in particular that I have dropped a number of topics, some of which (highlighted) you specifically requested. Of course if you want a topic to remain active I will resurrect it immediately, but I believe I need to cull or else the extensive list of topics that have been unused for a long time will bring the briefing preparation process into disrepute. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for January and February 1979 [ ]

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1. The DCI briefed the following topics on 24 January in addition to some operational and administrative matters.

- A. PRC Leadership & Prospects in Preparation for Teng Visit
- B. Iran [ ]

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2. The next Presidential Briefing is tentatively scheduled for 31 January. The following topics have been nominated for this briefing.

- A. Thailand
- B. Albania
- C. Yugoslavia [ ]

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3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible office and tentative briefing dates, if known, are shown.

- A. The Persian Gulf (NIO/NESA) 13 Feb.
- B. Soviet Command & Control (OSR&NIO/SP)
- C. Increased Israeli Concerns Over Threat on Eastern Front (NIO/NESA) 25X1
- D. International Energy Conservation (OER)

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8 Feb. [ ]

4. The following topics have been nominated for and accepted as briefing topics. However, preparation is being held in abeyance. The responsible office and factors determining the delay are described below for each topic.

- A. PRC Strategic Forces and Soviet Perceptions of Them.  
NIO/SP will prepare briefing when work on this subject being undertaken as part of an IIM has reached the point that it can support a briefing.
- B. Moves Toward Western European Unity. NIO/WE will prepare a briefing in February.
- C. Latin American Trends. NIO/LA will resume work on this topic in early February. 25X1

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D. Soviet/US Research and Development. Work on this topic will resume after SECDEF responds to a proposal for a joint briefing.

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5. The following topics (listed in my 22 December memorandum on the status of briefing topics) have been dropped because it has become clear that they have been overcome by events or that the shift in briefing focus which has occurred over the past two months makes it very unlikely that they will be used. However, the material already prepared will be maintained on file in the PBC's office for at least three months to allow use of the material for other purposes should the occasion arise.

- A. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- B. Soviet Nuclear Power Program (OSI)
- C. Foreign Free World Optical Communications (OSI)

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- E. International Narcotics (ORPA)
- F. Weapons Oriented Nuclear Development in Pakistan (NIO/NP)
- G. Monitoring Arms Control Agreements (PBC)
- H. Monitoring a CTB (RMS)
- I. Indonesia (NIO/EAP)
- J. Backfire Production Rates (OSR)
- K. Soviet Radiation Standards (OSI)
- L. Concealment in Soviet Strategic Programs (OSR)
- M. Human Rights (ORPA)

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6. The topic "Soviet Central Asian Test Facilities" has been nominated as a future briefing topic. The Assistant PBC will contact appropriate officers to discuss this topic in more detail.

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7. For the next few weeks, there will be no need for submission of additional Presidential Briefing topic nominations. This does not rule out a topic you feel should be prepared. In that case, forward a nomination at any time.

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8. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached. This schedule will be updated periodically and major changes may occur from week to week.

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Attachment



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### TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Major Presidential Briefing Topic:</u>
22 January  25X1A	Thailand <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Highlights, Issues & Prospects in SEA	PRC Iran
29 January	Persian Gulf	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Thailand
5 February	?	Persian Gulf	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 15px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
12 February	?	?	Persian Gulf

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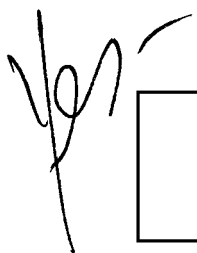
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This Schedule is tentative. It will be revised periodically and is subject to major changes from week to week.

All portions of this Schedule are SECRET.

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

Upon further reflection I recommend that you have the DDCI &  give the Thailand briefing. You can introduce it and maybe fill in occasionally. But you have too much to do to spend time on this stuff this weekend.





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